Opportunity to Comment on the Beckwourth Peak Recreation Project, Beckwourth Ranger District, Plumas National Forest and Sierraville Ranger District, Tahoe National Forest

The Beckwourth Ranger District, Plumas National Forest and the Sierraville Ranger District, Tahoe National Forest are proposing the Beckwourth Peak Recreation Project (Beckwourth Peak Project). The objectives of this project are to: 1) provide recreation access to the Beckwourth Peak area on the Plumas and Tahoe National Forests 2) provide additional recreation opportunities which may relieve recreation pressure in other heavily-used areas. The proposed activities include construction of approximately 20 miles of trails to be added to the National Forest System. The trails would be designed for non-motorized use and would accommodate all non-motorized users including hikers, bikers, and equestrians. Proposed trailheads would be open to the public and located in the City of Portola and adjacent to the Nakoma Golf Resort/Gold Mountain Community. Coordination has been occurring and would continue to occur with City of Portola and the Nakoma Golf Resort/Gold Mountain Community about trailhead specifications.

The project area is located immediately south and east of Portola in Plumas County, California. The project area includes National Forest System lands on the Plumas National Forest, Beckwourth Ranger District and the Tahoe National Forest, Sierraville Ranger District, The project area occupies portions of Township 22 North, Range 13 East, Sections 13, 14, and 22-24; Township 22 North, Range 14 East, Sections 5-9, 17, and 18; and Township 23 North, Range 14 East, Section 31, Mt. Diablo Base Meridian

A proposed action including a detailed map of the proposed project activities is available online at the Plumas National Forest website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52465

The proposed action and supporting documents are also available for review at the Beckwourth Ranger District, 23 Mohawk Road, Blairsden, CA 96103 and the Sierraville Ranger District, 317 South Lincoln Street, Sierraville, CA 96126.

Preliminary information indicates that the Beckwourth Peak Project activities may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) because there are no anticipated extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects which may significantly affect the environment, and the proposed activities fit into an established category. The proposed activities fall within the scope and intent of the following categorical exclusion category: 36 CFR 220.6(e)(1). Construction and reconstruction of trails.

Specific written comments on the proposed project would be most useful when received by **November 6, 2017** so that they can be considered early during project development and analysis. The Forest Service will consider your scoping comments to help identify issues associated with the project.

Submit electronic comments to: **comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas-beckwourth@fs.fed.us**
Comments submitted electronically must be in plain text (.txt), rich format (.rtf), Word (.doc or .docx), portable document format (.pdf), or an email message. Please include "**Beckwourth Peak Project**" in the subject line.

Written comments may be mailed to: Matthew Jedra, Beckwourth District Ranger and/or Quentin Youngblood, Sierraville District Ranger, c/o Lynée Crawford, Beckwourth Ranger District, 23 Mohawk Road, PO Box 7, Blairsden, CA 96103; by fax 530-836-0493, or delivered in person Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

Additional information regarding this project may be obtained by contacting Steve Townley, Project Leader, at (530) 836-7126 or Lynée Crawford, Acting District Planner, at lyneecrawford@fs.fed.us or (530) 836-7119.

Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is an equal opportunity provider and employer.